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SUBJECT: FINNISH NEWSPAPERS INDICATE POSSIBLE KEKKONEN TRIP  
TO US JULY 1976

EXDIS

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1. BOTH LEADING DAILY HELSINGIN SANOMAT AND SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET FRONT-PAGE ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES JANUARY 8 INDICATING THAT PRESIDENT KEKKONEN MAY VISIT US IN JULY 1976.

2. MORE SPECIFICALLY, PAPERS SAY THAT REPORTEDLY PRESIDENT KEKKONEN INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN THE US IN JULY 1976. PAPERS SAY ALSO LIKELY THAT KEKKONEN ON THE SAME TRIP WOULD ATTEND THE MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES, AND MIGHT INCLUDE FISHING IN CANADA. BOTH PAPERS ADD, HOWEVER, THAT KEKKONEN'S PLANS FOR THIS TRIP ARE STILL OPEN.

3. BOTH PAPERS SAY THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE CONCERNING KEKKONEN'S TRADITIONAL "HUNTING" TRIP TO ZAVIDOVO IN THE USSR. BOTH ADD THAT THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT KEKKONEN MAY MAKE AN OFFICIAL STATE VISIT TO THE USSR IN 1976, FOR WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE PAPERS, AN INVITATION IS ALREADY OUTSTANDING.

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4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED

ABOUT ANY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WASHINGTON END CONCERNING  
A KEKKONEN US VISIT.  
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